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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 15, 2003

1. Call to Order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:35 p.m. on December 15, 2003 at Franklin Canyon Park, Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Heather Barnett, Linda Parks, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Steve Horn, Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chair, and Jerome C. Daniel, Chair. Quorum present. The following members was absent: Ed Begley.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Lorraine Slattery, Dave Brown, Caroline Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Ed Corridori, Dennis Seider, Terre Hirsch, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Chair, Don Robinson, Vice Chair, Lesley Devine, Mark Johnson, Barry Read, Rick Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Paul Rockenstein, Thomas Seifert, Heinz Ellersieck, Nancy Stephens, and Marc Stirdivant. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; MRCA staff: Reva Feldman, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs; Gary Lysik, Finance Director; Juliet Chung, Government Program Analyst; Simon Macguire, PC Support Technician; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel; Deborah Lambe, Staff Counsel; Lisa Soghor, Chief of Premier Parks; Jan Wolterstorff, Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Analyst, and Tracy Dockery Staff Services Manager.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

4. Introduction of Legislative Representatives and their staff.

The following Legislative Representatives were present: Laura Plotkin and Mary Sue Maurer. The following Legislative Representatives were absent: Carolyn Kraft, Henry Lo, and Susan McEntire. The following member was present subsequent to roll: George Magallanes.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of November 24, 2003 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 24, 2003 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Cook.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Romero.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Young.

The Conservancy received a verbal report by Ms. Lethbridge.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Miller.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks, Ms. Mikos, and the Executive Director.

8. Special recognition to Heather Barnett.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Barnett.

9. Presentation on status of design plans for Vista Hermosa Park, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Romero.

10. Presentation by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Education and Interpretation Division.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge and Ms. Skei.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

12. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy FY 02-03 annual report.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-210.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-210.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the United States Army Corps of Engineers on the Section 404 Permit Application No. 2004-00004-AOA for Tentative Tract Map No. 48086, Spring and Tapie Canyons, upper Santa Clara River watershed.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 03-211.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 03-211.

- 14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority sell to the California Department of Parks and Recreation 160 acres, County Certificate of Compliance Parcel CC-90-1052 (portion of APN 4448-030-024) located in Tuna Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Skei.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ross.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Conservancy recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-212.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 03-212.

- 15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of approximately 5 acres (APN 4472-006-046), Malibu, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 03-213.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 03-213.

16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of partial or total interest in a 3.5-acre property (APN 4465-004-050) in Escondido Canyon, unincorporated Malibu.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-214.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-214.

17. Consideration of resolution adopting Central Bell Creek Project Plan, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Skei.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seifert, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-215.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-215.

- 18. Closed Session:** (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *York v. City of Los Angeles; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of America, and related cross-complaint: Soka University of America v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No Closed Session was held.

- 19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 26, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Chair